

Dear Instructional Quality Commission members:

The Sutter County Board of Supervisors on February 16, 2016, adopted the attached resolution recommending inclusion of Pacific Coast Maritime Routes, including the Sacramento and Feather rivers, in Public School History Curriculum. The Board believes inclusion of the study of Pacific Coast Maritime Routes will allow students to better understand the relationship between their local geography and the development of United States history, and open doors to teaching more local history in relationship to national history. Based on this resolution, the following change is respectfully recommended to the draft History/Social Science Framework, Eighth Grade United States History and Geography:

Eighth grade history/social science framework, at Chapter 12, line 591 (or wherever it would be most appropriate)

“interpret maps and documents relating to the Pacific Coast Maritime Routes, including long sea voyages that brought gold miners and laborers and investors around the horn of South America, across Panama and Nicaragua, or from China, and on the rivers into California’s interior gold regions, including the Sacramento and Feather rivers, and overland treks that opened the West.”

Thank you for the opportunity to make public comments regarding the instructional framework.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors of Sutter County,

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